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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TGEN, UR

SUBJ: S & T AGREEMENT: DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT

REF: STATE 167210

1. BERDENNIKOV OF SCST HAS REPLIED TO DEMARCHE CONCERNING FUNDING OF DEEP-SEA DRILLING PROJECT (DSDP) BY SAYING THAT SCST WOULD NOT "GET INVOLVED" SINCE IT IS PRIMARILY A SOVIET ACADEMY PROJECT, AND THE ACADEMY HAS FULL RESPONSIBILITY. HE DECLINED ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF MATTER, AND SAID THAT DSDP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS BEING UNDER NEW OCEANOGRAPHY AGREEMENT. EXECUTIVE AGENT OF OCEANOGRAPHY AGREEMENT WILL PRESUMABLY BE SOVIET ACADEMY, BUT DEFINITE CONFIRMATION OF THIS IS NOT YET AVAILABLE. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DEPARTMENT ALSO WILL CONSIDER DSDP IN FUTURE TO BE A PROJECT TOTALLY WITHIN OCEANOGRAPHY AGREEMENT.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, WE ARE ATTEMPTING ON URGENT BASIS TO DISCUSS MATTER THOROUGHLY ONCE AGAIN WITH ACADEMICIAN VINOGRADOV. HE IS INDIVIDUAL IN ACADEMY CLOSEST TO DSDP AND SPEAKS AUTHORITATIVELY. AT SAME TIME, WE FEAR THAT HIS RESPONSE WILL ONCE AGAIN, AS SEVERAL TIMES IN RECENT PAST, BE THAT FUNDING IS BEING WORKED OUT BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND IS ON VERGE OF APPROVAL.

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IN LIGHT OF THIS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DR. STEVER

TELEGRAPHICALLY COMMUNICATE (THROUGH EMBASSY) LETTER  
TO PRESIDENT KELDYSH ON THIS MATTER. LETTER WILL BE  
HAND-DELIVERED. KELDYSH ALSO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT  
PROJECT AND IS FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO BY VINOGRADOV,  
WHO ALWAYS ATTRIBUTES TO HIM COMPLETE SUPPORT OF  
SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN DSDP. (FYI: IN EMBASSY  
EXPERIENCE, HIGH-LEVEL LETTERS TO KELDYSH ARE  
USUALLY ANSWERED WITHIN MATTER OF DAYS. ACADEMY  
USUALLY INFORMS EMBASSY WHEN RESPONSE IS READY.  
END FYI).  
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